

## New manufacturing capacity drives Offshore growth for Hone-All



A series of investments targeting the needs of the oil and gas sector are paying dividends for Leighton Buzzard-based Hone-All Precision, enhancing its reputation as a key single-source supplier of precision engineered components.

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The past 12 months have seen turnover grow by more than 20 per cent at Hone-All Precision driven, in part, by growth from customers in the oil and gas sector. In order to meet this increased demand and to plan for future growth, the company has over the last 12 months taken delivery of a large capacity Tuscan CNC lathe and two additional Sunnen CNC honing machines.

"The Tuscan lathe, with its capability to swing components up to 970 mm diameter over the bed and, over four metres between centres, is opening up lots of potential new business for us," says Hone-All Director, Andrea Rodney. "In particular, the ability to trepan large diameter bores has created the opportunity to machine deep hole tubular components, with much thinner wall thicknesses than could previously be machined on our existing deep hole boring machines.

To complement the Tuscan lathe, Hone-All has also added to its large honing capacity with the installation of two Sunnen horizontal tube honing machines in its expanded manufacturing facility. "These two Sunnen machines are capable of high stock removal rates and are a valuable asset when it comes to the

finishing of large diameter, long bores often found in the offshore sector," says Andrea Rodney. "The new installations are just part of our ongoing commitment to ensure that Hone-All remains at the forefront of manufacturing technology and enable us to meet the needs of our customers, whether that is for increased capacity, material and part traceability, or the reassurance that they are getting value for money and consistent quality when they approach Hone-All with their subcontract machining requirements."

Working with customers in the offshore, aerospace and defence sectors, Hone-All Precision also has a wide ranging experience of materials, including the precision machining of tough corrosionresistant alloys, such as Inconel, 4140 and 17/4PH stainless steel as well as rarer materials such as Ferralium, Staballoy and Datalloy, which are specified for oil and gas industry. This experience, combined with a willingness to invest in technology, people and systems has ensured Hone-All's success. It works closely with its customers to keep lead times to a minimum; this includes the addition of a night shift to match the 24 hour operation of many of its customers.